

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ROME DIVISION**

## COMPLAINT

COMES NOW Chris McCloud (“Plaintiff” or “Mr. McCloud”), by and through his undersigned counsel, and hereby files this Complaint, showing the Court as follows:

## **JURISDICTION, VENUE, AND PARTIES**

1.

Plaintiff Chris McCloud is a former employee of Altech Panel Systems, LLC (“Defendant”). He was an employee engaged in commerce as defined by the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 U.S.C. § 203.

2.

Defendant Altech Panel Systems, LLC is an “employer” within the meaning of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 U.S.C. § 203.

3.

Defendant is a Georgia limited liability company with a registered office at 1 Johnson Street, Suite 118, Cartersville, GA 30120 and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.

4.

This Court is the proper venue for this action.

### **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

5.

Defendant employed Plaintiff as a Shop Foreman from approximately June of 2012 until July of 2014.

6.

Plaintiff was paid on a salary basis, at a rate of \$825.00 per week.

7.

Plaintiff supervised other employees, but did not have the authority to hire or fire employees. His supervisors did not give particular weight to any recommendations that he may have had as to hiring, firing, advancement, promotion, or any other change of status of any other employee.

8.

Plaintiff was not exempt from the overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act. 29 U.S.C. §§ 207, 213.

9.

During the following dates, Plaintiffs worked the following number of hours over 40 hours in a workweek:

Week	Hours
Ending	
11/1/2013	4
11/15/2013	4
1/17/2014	8
1/24/2014	7
2/7/2014	1
2/21/2014	8
3/14/2014	8
3/21/2014	7
3/28/2014	13
4/4/2014	12
4/25/2014	5

5/2/2014 13

5/9/2014 12

5/16/2014 13

5/23/2014 12

5/30/2014 12

6/6/2014 8

6/13/2014 12

**Total: 159**

10.

Because Mr. McCloud's salary was \$825 per week, his regular rate of pay was \$20.63 per hour. By multiplying his regular rate of pay by 1.5, as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act, his overtime rate should have been \$30.94 per hour. Thus, Mr. McCloud was underpaid by \$4,919.46, which is calculated by multiplying 159 hours by \$30.94.

**Count One: Violation of Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 U.S.C. § 201, et**

*seq.*

11.

Plaintiff fully incorporates paragraphs 1-10, as if each were set forth verbatim herein.

12.

Defendant failed to pay Plaintiff the statutorily required overtime pay, in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 U.S.C. § 207.

13.

Pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), Plaintiff is entitled to an additional amount equal to his unpaid overtime pay as liquidated damages. In addition, Plaintiff is entitled to the costs of this action and reasonable attorney's fees. Id.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays for relief against the Defendant as follows:

- a. that Defendant be required to appear before this Court and answer this Complaint;
- b. that Plaintiff have judgment against Defendant for compensatory damages of \$4,919.46, plus an equal amount as liquidated damages, as provided by the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), for a total amount of \$9,838.92;
- c. that Plaintiff have judgment against Defendant for all costs and attorney's fees of investigation and litigation reasonably incurred in connection with this action, as provided by the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 U.S.C. §216(b), in an amount to be shown at trial;
- d. that Plaintiff have a trial by jury with respect to all issues in this matter; and
- e. for all further and proper relief that this honorable Court deems just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of January, 2015.

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL RULE 7.1(D)

Pursuant to LR 7.1D NDGa., the Plaintiff's counsel certifies that this Motion has been prepared in Times New Roman 14 point, one of the fonts approved in LR 5.1C NDGa.

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